

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 641

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Columbia Academy Lady Bulldogs softball team upon winning the 2021 TSSAA Division II-A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we salute those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Columbia Academy Lady Bulldogs softball team has been crowned the TSSAA Division II-A state champion and as such is deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs rose to the occasion in the state championship game, defeating Tipton-Rosemark Academy 2-1 to lay claim to the state title for the second time, following the team's previous claim to the state title in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the team fought for its victory with incredible offense and resilient defense, including eleven strikeouts from the team's pitcher, Averi Slaughter; and

WHEREAS, state championships are the result of collective team focus, hard work, and a willingness to submit to the greater good of the team rather than accommodate any one player; the Columbia Academy Lady Bulldogs exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Columbia Academy Lady Bulldogs softball team, not only for winning the state title, but also for its players' superior sportsmanship and the joy the team has brought to their fellow students and the people of their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the Columbia Academy Lady Bulldogs softball team upon winning the 2021 TSSAA Division II-A state championship. We salute these exceptional student athletes for their many accomplishments, both on and off the court, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.